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ALLOCATION

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003, the period for reply extending to July 8, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-5, 7, 8-10, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 22, and add new claim 24, so they appear as follows:

1. (Amended) A method in a data processing system for allocating memory by a memory allocation function, comprising:

receiving a memory request for a reference to a block of memory;

returning the reference to the block of memory to satisfy the request; and

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